

Citizens of Northern Ireland should be guaranteed, at a bare minimum, the right against unreasonable search and seizures, the right against being detained without charges filed and the right to openly practice one's religion.

Mr. Blair must also address the issue of policing and military presence in the north. For people to feel safe and secure, they must be assured that there is a police force that is representative of the local population. Mr. Blair should enact the Patten Commission's recommendation on police reform. The North must provide its citizens with a full, fair and just reform of their police service. The police service of Northern Ireland must be representative of all ethnic, religious and political groups in Northern Ireland.

The people of Northern Ireland must also have a basic sense that they are not under siege by a military force. The Good Friday Agreement sets out a framework for peace. If the people of Northern Ireland are to live together peacefully, they must not have a sense that they live in a police state.

Mr. Speaker, again I call on both President Bush and Prime Minister Blair to mark the fifth anniversary of the Good Friday Accords with an agreement that will have a lasting effect on Northern Ireland. I hope that Mr. Bush and Mr. Blair will use this opportunity in Northern Ireland to show the people of the North as well as the rest of the world that they are committed to making the agreement that was signed 5 years ago a true framework for a permanent peace.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 45 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until 2 p.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CULBERSON) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

This faithless generation looks to You for a sign, Lord God. Your Word once came to Jeremiah with the question: "What do you see, Jeremiah?" The prophet replied: "I see a branch of the watching tree." Then, Lord, You said to him: "Well have you seen, for I am watching to fulfill my Word."

Lord, we keep watching on television a distant war, looking for signs of its ending. In our prayer we ponder Your Word, waiting for its fulfillment of peace.

Suddenly, the subtlety of Your language, Lord, reveals a hidden meaning.

The Hebrew name for the almond tree contains a play on words with "I am watching."

With us and in us You keep vigil for a springtime of promise, for the almond tree got its name as the watching tree because it is the first to blossom in the early rise of spring, as though it had never been sleeping.

Lord, You have been watching with us. You are with us, now and forever.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

HONORING DAVID BLOOM

(Mr. DREIER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, as we look at the tragic loss of life which has taken place through this war which, thank God, is being successful, there are obviously the families of those men and women in uniform, but there are also some familiar faces who tragically have been lost.

Michael Kelly, we got the word last Friday, was lost; and over the weekend, we heard the word that my good friend and a great reporter, David Bloom, tragically died.

I got to know David Bloom because he was a student at one of the Claremont Colleges I attended, and we became friends several years ago. While he did not cover Capitol Hill, I had the opportunity to travel with him, and we were, oh, so proud of his reporting.

A couple of weeks ago, I had dinner with a Marine Corps general who was talking about the great coverage that MSNBC was providing, and David Bloom was one of the great reporters. He had that "Bloom-Mobile," which traveled, as the chaplain just talked about, how we are all watching on television. We saw him move and provide fascinating reports.

He was praised by his colleagues over the past couple of days, and I just would like to say that my thoughts and prayers go to his wife, Melanie, and their lovely daughters.

COMMENDING OUR SOLDIERS

(Mr. DAVIS of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, as I was about to come over, there was a young man in my office visiting one of my staffers, Lance Corporal Jason C. Smedley, and he was proudly displaying his Purple Heart. He had been wounded in an attack in An Nasiriya, Iraq, on March 26, 2003, and is now home to recuperate, and as we talked about what he would do next, he said, "I want to hurry up and get well so I can go back and rejoin my unit."

I was struck by that, struck by his seriousness, by his desire, and struck by the fact that he said that there is still much work to do, to try and rebuild what we are at this moment helping to tear down.

So I simply commend again to all of the soldiers who are giving of themselves in this time in honor of their country, looking for a better future and a better tomorrow.

HONORING NORMAN D. SHUMWAY

(Mr. DOOLITTLE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Speaker, shortly we will honor someone who was an outstanding Member of the House of Representatives for a number of years here, Congressman Norman D. Shumway, who served the 14th Congressional District for 12 years prior to his retirement at the end of the 101st Congress, ending in the first days of 1991. I was privileged to be his successor to Congress.

Mr. Shumway had a distinguished career here and served on what was then called, I think, the Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs Committee and the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee.

He has been a long, long-time resident of San Joaquin County and served on the board of supervisors there; and he and his wife were very involved in the community, made great contributions, and soon I believe the gentleman from California (Mr. POMBO) will be bringing up a resolution to name a post office in his honor.

Norm Shumway epitomizes the type of person we would like to have representing the people of the United States, someone who believes in this country, in its values, someone who believes in faith and family and hard work, and someone who has a great appreciation for the blessings of freedom and who worked during his years here to promote the values that have made this country a great place to be.

I have not seen Norm for several years. Norm and Luana, but I consider them dear friends, and I am very, very pleased to join with my colleagues here shortly in honoring Norm for the service that he had here.